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COUNTRY <u>Soviet Zone of Germany</u>	REPORT
TOPIC <u>Railroad Bridge across the Elbe River Near Wittenberg</u> 50X1-HUM	
EVALUATION <u>[REDACTED]</u>	PLACE OBTAINED <u>[REDACTED]</u> 50X1-HUM
DATE OF CONTENT <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
DATE OBTAINED <u>[REDACTED]</u>	DATE PREPARED <u>23 August 1950</u>
REFERENCES <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
PAGES <u>1</u>	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) <u>One sketch on ditto</u>
REMARKS <u>[REDACTED]</u>	50X1-HUM
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[REDACTED] drawing of the double-track (622)  
 railroad bridge across the Elbe River near Wittenberg  
 (N 52/E 37) is attached. \*

[REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] The bridge is on the Berlin-Halle trunk line which is double-track in the Halle-Buelzig (N 52/E 47) section. [REDACTED] It is single-track in the Buelzig-Drewitz (N 53/Z 63) section because the Soviets have torn up the second track. The 46-meter spans of the bridge were demolished on 26 April 1945. The bridge was repaired temporarily for one-track operation by the construction of two intermediate wooden supports and steel trestles to replace river pier IX which was demolished. Since the temporary structure was a hindrance to shipping and was endangered by floating ice, it had to be replaced. For this reason span X was rebuilt with RW type military bridge equipment (Roth - Wagner, portable), two adjacent 46-meter spans being installed, while span IX was reconstructed double-track with the salvaged and repaired old superstructures. The temporary wooden intermediate supports were removed and the steel trestles were used as reinforcements for the newly-constructed concrete stream pier.

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The reconstruction of the bridge was done by the Beuchelt & Co. Civil Engineering Firm. The double-track bridge was opened to traffic on 7 June 1947. The bridge can carry trains which have an axle pressure of 20 tons.

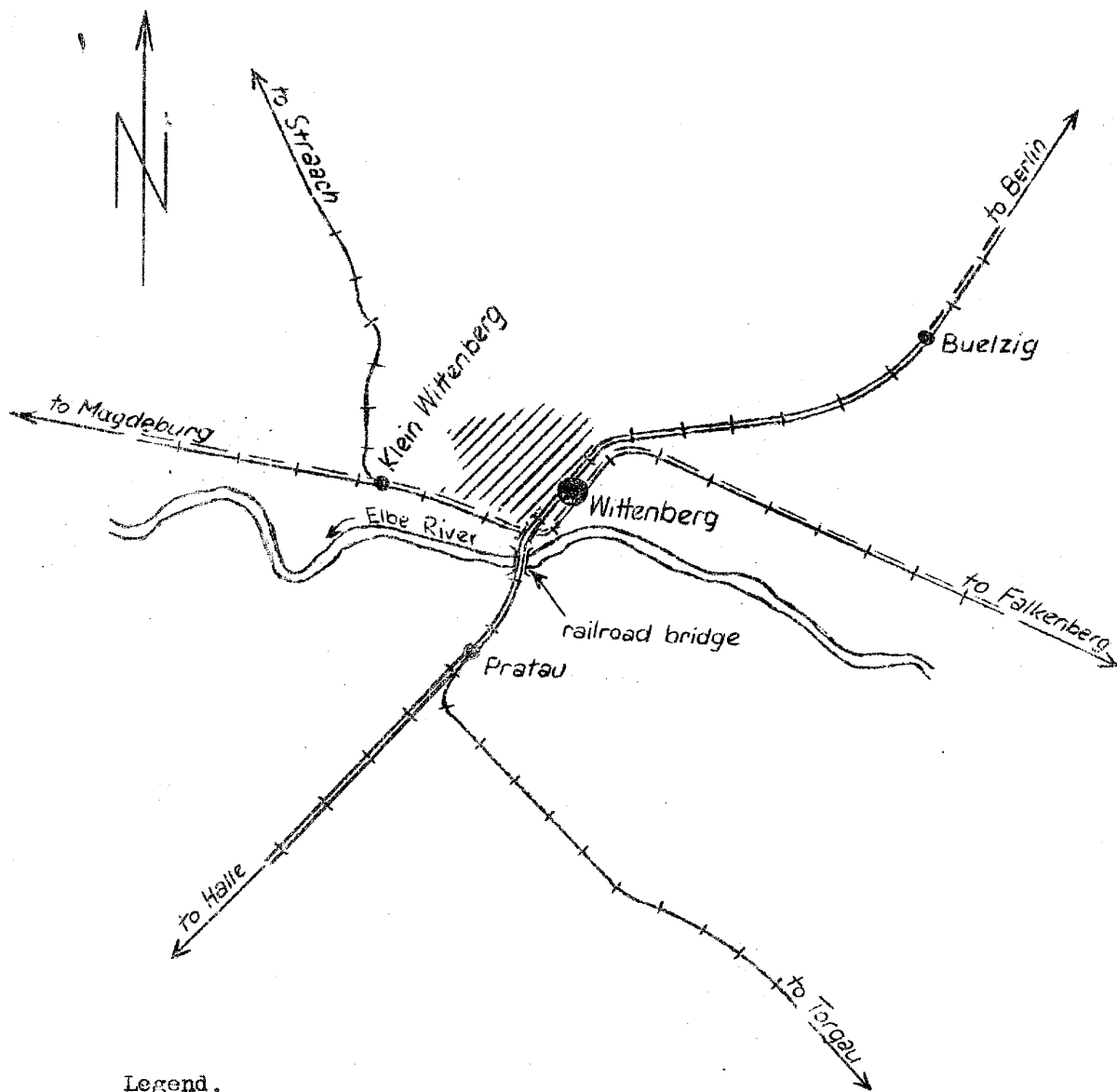
One sketch of the railroad bridge across the Elbe River near Wittenberg.

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Railroad Bridge across the Elbe River  
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Legend.

-  double-track standard gauge
-  formerly double-track standard gauge,  
one track dismantled
-  single-track standard gauge.

Scale 1:100,000

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